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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File 100-new

DATE: 2/23/65

FROM : Legat

SUBJECT: JAMES BALDWIN
IS - X

On 2/18/65 advised that subject, a well known American Negro writer had arrived at London and was receiving attention by

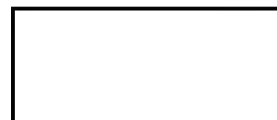
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A check of our files disclosed no information on BALDWIN. I called Paris and they have destroyed reference to him in a Civil Rights case.

stated he would furnish us results of coverage.

ACTION: O & A 100 case. Follow.

CWB:vw
(1)



100-3409-1

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File 100-3409

DATE: 3/29/65

FROM : Alden C. McCray, A/Legat

SUBJECT: JAMES BALDWIN
IS - X

On 3/26/65 [] advised that while BALDWIN was in the United Kingdom he came to attention in the Press as a great admirer of [] but that no security information was developed concerning him while he was here.

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[] have advised that none of their informants had any contact with BALDWIN and likewise [] failed to develop any information about him.

It is known that Legat, Paris, has a reference to subject in a closed file and because he apparently is not the subject of a current Bureau investigation, this case is being placed in a RUC status.

ACM:vw
(1)

RUC

100-3409-2

Routing Slip
FD-4 (Rev. 6-14-66)

Date 12-4-67

To:

☒ Director

FILE _____

Att.: SM - Section

Title JAMES BALDWIN

☐ SAC _____

☐ ASAC _____

☐ Supv. _____

☐ Agent _____

☐ SE _____

☐ IC _____

☐ CC _____

☐ Steno _____

☐ Clerk _____

RE: _____

☐ Rotor #: _____

ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign _____ Reassign _____

☐ Bring file

☐ Call me

☐ Correct

☐ Deadline _____

☐ Deadline passed

☐ Delinquent

☐ Discontinue

☐ Expedite

☐ File

☐ For information

☐ Handle

☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Open Case

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Recharge serials

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Return file

☐ Return serials

☐ Search and return

☐ See me

☐ Send Serials _____

to _____

☐ Submit new charge out

☐ Submit report by _____

☐ Type

Re attached - Is he of current interest?

SAC *Jm*

Office *Indon*

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SAC, New York (100-146553)

12/19/67

Director, FBI (62-108763)

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN
SM - C

Enclosed herewith for New York is a Xerox copy of a newspaper article which was submitted by Legat, London, concerning subject.

In view of subject's presence in England, New York promptly submit letterhead memorandum concerning his travel.

Enclosed for the information of Legat, London, is New York letterhead memorandum dated October 17, 1966, concerning subject. For Legat, London's, additional information, Baldwin is an author of several books and has been active in the civil rights movement. He is on the Security Index of the New York Office.

Enclosure

1 - London (100-3409) (Enclosure)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108763)

SAC, NEW YORK (100-146553) (C)

FEB 1 3 1968

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN
SM-C
(OO:NEW YORK)

Re NY airtel to Bureau, 12/28/67.

Enclosed herewith are 11 copies of an LHM re captioned matter. Extra copies of LHM being furnished for dissemination to Legat, London.

NY will remain alert for any information from INS indicating subject's return to the US.

3-Bureau (Encls. 11) (RM)
(1-Legat, London)
1-New York

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LEGAL ATTACHE - LONDON	

Director, FBI (105-165706)

April 23, 1971

Legat, Paris (157-25)(P)

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
RM - BPP

Re: Paris letters and letterhead memorandum, March 9, 1971 and
February 25, 1971.

Continued contact with the [redacted] has determined no information in addition to that set forth in referenced Paris communications concerning contact between British Black Panther Party (BPP) supporters [redacted] in Paris to arrange for French BPP supporters to participate in a demonstration planned for March 23, 1971, in London for GEORGE/JACKSON of the Solidad Brothers.

The April 23, 1971, issue of the "International Herald Tribune," published in Paris, contained an article concerning the arrival of one [redacted] described as the American defense attorney for ANGELA DAVIS, in London on April 18, 1971, to organize a rally on April 19, 1971, in favor of DAVIS. According to the article, American Negro author JAMES BALDWIN and French author [redacted] were to speak at this meeting. It is to be noted that both BALDWIN and [redacted] were supposed to participate in the meeting on March 23, 1971, on behalf of JACKSON as set forth in referenced Paris communications.

There is no information currently available to Paris sources which would indicate the appearance of BALDWIN and [redacted] at the April 19, 1971, rally had been arranged by contacts between [redacted] sources noted, however, the original contact between these individuals to arrange participation in the March 23, 1971, rally.

[redacted] has expressed considerable interest in the activities of [redacted] on behalf of the BPP in England, and London is requested to furnish this information when received from British sources. Paris is following through sources and Bureau will be advised.

4 - Bureau
(1 - San Francisco)
(1 - Foreign Liaison Desk)
① - Legat, London (sent direct)

6 - Paris
(1 - 157-45) (Ellen Wright)
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Dramatic Challenge to Jail Chiefs

GEORGE JACKSON "MURDERED" CHARGE

by JOHN GRITEN

AMERICAN black novelist James Baldwin declared yesterday that he believed that George Jackson—one of the famous Soledad brothers—was murdered.

The authorities at the notorious San Quentin Jail, California, claim that Jackson and two other prisoners were killed in an attempted breakout from the maximum security wing.

They say that he was shot dead by a tower guard "as he made a break for freedom, carrying a revolver that had been smuggled into the jail."

Like Philosophy lecturer Angela Davis and other black leaders held in jail in America, the Soledad Brothers have become symbols of their people to win their freedom.

At a London Press conference yesterday the Soledad Brothers' literary agent, Mary Clemmey, who visited him in San Quentin jail last December, said: "I see no grounds for believing the story about the gun and George trying to shoot his way out."

STORY OF GUN

"I myself had to pass through an electronic scanner which detected everything metal, even my belt buckle."

She thought that the official version that Jackson attorney's briefcase was not screened extremely unlikely, since everything she had been carrying was.

The versions of what happened on Saturday had all come from the prison authorities, and these had changed from day to day.

Miss Clemmey found it not credible that George would have run across an open yard toward an unscalable wall, knowing that it would have been to his certain death.

Mr. Baldwin, who flew in from France specially for the Press conference, declared: "Nothing the Governor of St. Quentin or Governor Reagan says will be believed by me or any other black person in America."

INCONTROVERTIBLE

He said that whatever the details of what happened last Saturday, there was one incontrovertible fact: "A boy of 18 (George Jackson) was put in jail 11 years ago for a trivial crime and was kept there until he died. That itself is murder."

Mr. Baldwin, referring to colour discrimination here, especially in education, and obliquely, to support for South Africa, warned the British people to look to America as an object lesson.

In the middle of working, in the South of France, on a new novel, Mr. Baldwin said he was considering staying in London long enough to be at Monday's Trafalgar Square rally (2 p.m.) in support of Angela Davis and the remaining Soledad brothers.

'Shot in back'

"Soledad Brother" John Clutchette shouted out in court in San Francisco yesterday that fellow prisoner George Jackson was shot in the back and then in the head by guards at San Quentin Prison last Saturday.

Lawyers for Clutchette and the other surviving "Soledad Brother" Fleeta Drumgo, also said the two black convicts were beaten and burned with cigarettes by San Quentin guards after the "escape attempt" had been quashed and Jackson killed.

A large crowd, separated from the rest of the courtroom by a specially built bullet-proof glass screen, cheered when the two defendants walked stiffly into court.

"What about George?" they shouted. Clutchette responded: "George? They shot him in the back and when he wasn't dead they came up and shot him in the head."

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Writer seeks penal inquiry

Daily Telegraph Reporter

A CALL for an immediate investigation into America's penal system following the shooting of George Jackson was made in London last night by James Baldwin, the American Negro writer.

He flew from Paris to urge pressure for this by British public opinion and said he was considering staying in London for a demonstration in Trafalgar Square on Monday.

Mr Baldwin, 47, said last night that he hoped Jackson's death would become a rallying point for Black people in America. "He was not murdered on Saturday. He was murdered when he was 18," said Mr Baldwin.

.\$70 robbery

Jackson was jailed ten and a half years ago, at 18, for a \$70 robbery on a "one year to life" sentence that made him eligible for early release, but only if he did not anger prison authorities.

"I am calling on you, as America's ally, to look at us and yourselves, because what is happening in America is happening to you," said Mr Baldwin. He did not believe a gun was smuggled into the prison for Jackson. "I believe he was murdered."

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The Daily Telegraph
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